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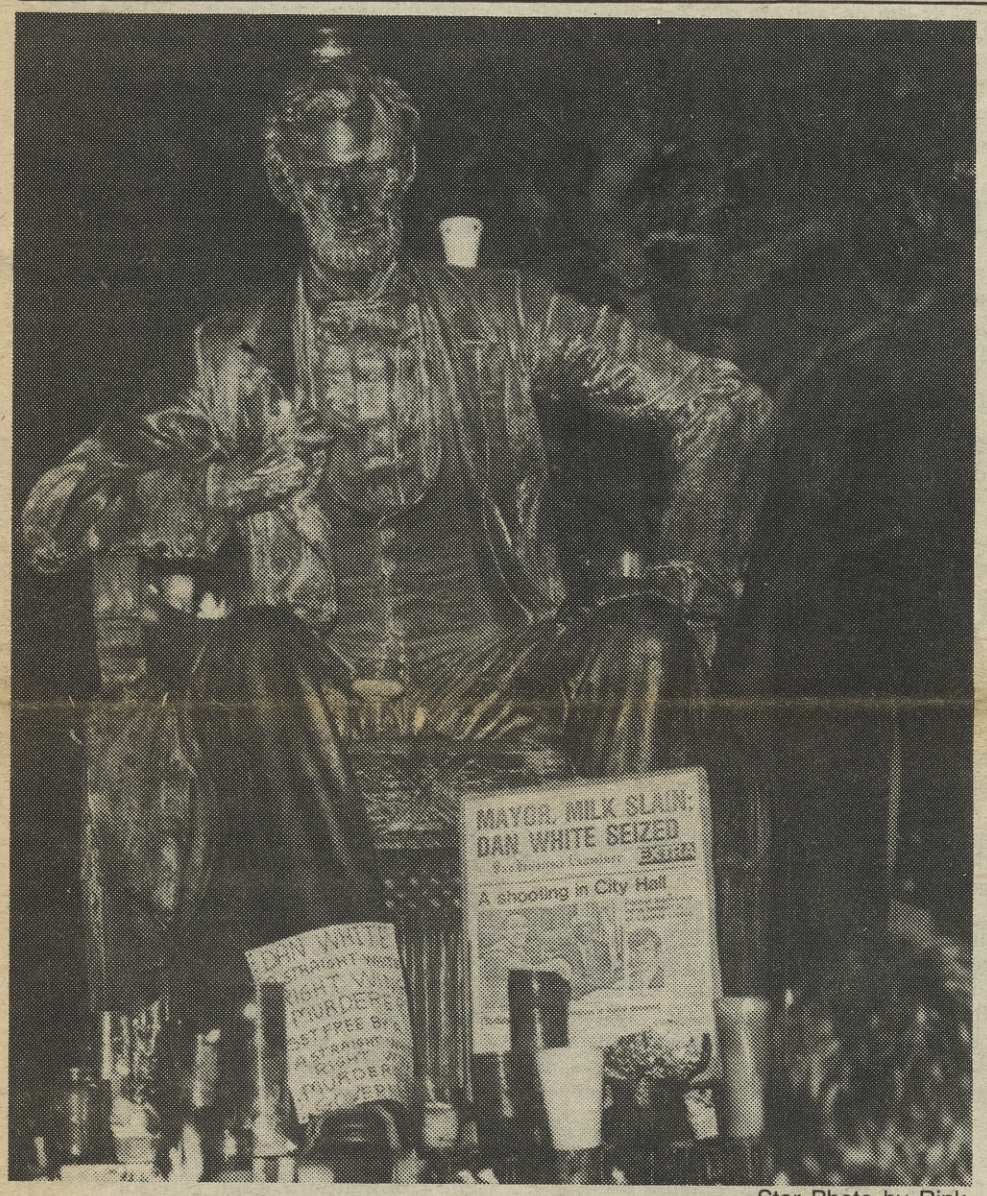

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The San Francisco City Hall statue of Abraham Lincoln once again became an altar of memorial to George Moscone and Harvey Milk, as participants left their candles there after the Nov. 27 march and rally marking the fifth anniversary of the slaying of the two men by former Supervisor Dan White. Related photos and stories on page 4.

Attorney General Nixes Dan White Prosecution

Dan White, convicted murderer of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, will not face federal prosecution on civil rights charges, federal prosecutors announced Nov. 21.

The Justice Department spokesmen said they doubted they could get a conviction.

U.S. Attorney General William French Smith had until Nov. 27 to file charges. After that the statute of limitations would have prevented Smith from filing charges. Nov. 27 was the fifth anniversary of White's City Hall shootings.

White will be released from prison Jan. 6, 1984, less than five years after his voluntary manslaughter conviction. White's attorney successfully convinced a jury that his client was acting under a mental unbalance after eating too much junk food, bringing about the term "twinkie defense."

After the jury's verdict on May 21, 1979, San Francisco's gay community responded with a night of riots, damaging City Hall and burning police cars.

Police retaliated with a night of terror on Castro Street.

In announcing the government's decision not to further prosecute White, U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello said the circumstances of the shootings did not meet the requirements for a civil rights law violation.

"There was no evidence to indicate they were killed because of their status," he said. "It is not only required that the perpetrator specifically intended to injure, but that the victim was engaged in specific political activity and that the perpetrator committed his crime because of that activity.

"Many of us share the sense of outrage that a system of justice may not have responded adequately to the violent act," Russoniello said. "But that hostility and outrage would only be exacerbated by a contrived prosecution that would likely fail."

Triumphs '83 Fetes Women, Men Of Entire Community

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

More than 100 men and women from the lesbian/gay community and their friends jammed the dining room at the K Street Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, to honor outstanding women, men, and organizations for their contributions and achievements during the past year at a banquet and ceremony called "Triumphs '83."

In addition to 24 winners awarded individual plaques in 11 categories, seven organizations were singled out for their accomplishments and more than a dozen persons and groups were honored in a special "Up and Coming" category.

The enthusiastic crowd applauded, cheered, and even delivered a number of standing ovations to demonstrate their approval of and appreciation for the honorees, who represented the entire spectrum of our widely diverse community.

In summing up the evening, Bettina Barboza, who hosted the ceremony with Tom Woods, paid tribute to the "unbelievable wealth of talent, intelligence, and energy in this room tonight."

Individual winners in the various categories were as follows:

Public Officials: Assemblyman Phil Isenberg and Mayor Anne Rudin.

Business: Bob Hall of In Touch With You Hair Design, honored for his contributions to the AIDS Foundation, and Lioness Books, for its contributions to the cultural, social, and political life of the community.

Human Rights: Gary Miller, chair of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee and member of the Human Rights Commission, and Lisa Katz of the National Organization for Women and veteran organizer for lesbian/gay rights.

Media: Marty Gonzales of KCRA-TV for his coverage of the AIDS crisis and writer Jill Kelly for her consistent, articulate reporting and commentary. A special recognition was made to TV reporter Jay Wasserman for his excellent four-part series on lesbians and gays made shortly before his death.

Sports: Linda Woods for the Sacramento Women's Sports League and Norm Frohwein for the Sacramento Athletic Games Association.

Arts: Pam Johnson and the Matrix Gallery of women artists, painter George Kafouras, and painter and graphic artist Celia Rodriguez. Works by Rodriguez and other artists will be on display in the UC Davis art gallery through December, and paintings by Kafouras are currently being exhibited in the dining room at the K Street.

Parents: The Rev. and Mrs. Merrill and Muriel Follansbee of the Sacramento chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Volunteers: The Hand to Hand Project volunteers of the AIDS Foundation, Mark Baker for his work with the First Sacramento Women's Building, the Rape Crisis Center, and the Sacramento Men's Collective, and Digette McAllister for her fund raising efforts.

Entertainment: singer Bettina Barboza and the Capitol City Squares square dance club.

Leadership: Theresa Corrigan for her long involvement in feminist politics, the Sacramento Women's Center, and Lioness Books, and Ronn Farland, president of the River City Democratic Club.

Community Participation: Kathy Haberman, First Sacramento Women's Building; Elizabeth Harrison, M.D. of the AIDS Foundation; and Greg Gorges of the AIDS Foundation.

Honored with certificates were winners in two final categories:

Organizations: First Sacramento Women's Building, Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Our River City Family, River City Business Association, River City Democratic Club, Sacramento Gay Speakers Bureau, and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Up and Coming: Evette Booker, Cindy Gaylen, Ron Gray, Kate Guzman, Velma Hall, Larry Hoover, La Raza del Ambiente, Richard La Voie, Ronn Farland, Jose Pacheco, River City Democratic Club, The Sacramento Star, and Transition for Gay and Lesbian Mormons.

Star Photo by J.K. Graham

Theresa Corrigan of Lioness Books received a Triumphs '83 Leadership award.

Nominees in all categories also received certificates in recognition of their contributions to the community.

The nominations were reviewed and the winners chosen by a panel consisting of Linda Birner of Mom Guess What!, Theresa Corrigan of Lioness Books, Larry Dunlap of River City Metropolitan Community Church, James K. Graham of The Sacramento Star, Stan Hadden of MGW, Carol McFarland of G.N.I.E., Lee Nichols, and Robin Purdy of the First Sacramento Women's Building.★

OPINION

'Triumphs' Need To Be Independent

We congratulate the women, men, and organizations of the Sacramento lesbian and gay community chosen by the community to receive awards at the recent "Triumphs '83" banquet. It was a great opportunity to give public recognition to some of our friends and colleagues who work so hard for the benefit of all of us.

Of course, as more than one speaker pointed out at the ceremony, everyone nominated and many more people not nominated deserved to be honored. And many of the winners indicated that they received their awards, in a way, as representatives of the others not specifically named or selected.

The Sacramento Star was pleased to receive a couple of nominations, in the Media and Up and Coming categories. We were also pleased to note the nominations of Star columnist Rick Ruman and Star contributor Joyce Bright.

Every community needs this kind of program, continued year after year, as a way of encouraging both the winners and the community at large. We need to encourage the winners to keep up the good work and to let them know that we appreciate their efforts and accomplishments. We need to encourage the community at large to support these workers and to join them.

However, we have heard rumblings and grumblings in the community about "Triumphs '83," and we have to admit that some of them are quite valid.

Probably the most important complaint about the event was that it was held in conjunction with the anniversary celebration for Mom Guess What!, our community's longest-lived publication. We wish to add our congratulations to MGW on its fifth birthday. It has served Sacramento well, and no one disputes its right to celebrate.

But it is not appropriate to turn an evening of recognition for achievement in the entire community into an evening of self-congratulation, and to connect the accomplishments of the entire community with the work of the publication. It is a serious misrepresentation of the contributions of the award recipients to speak, as the banquet program did, of recognizing "each person who has made this an exciting year for MGW Newspaper."

If the organizers of "Triumphs '83" seriously intend to continue this event, as they should, in 1984 and the years ahead, they should separate it from their anniversary celebration and turn it over to an independent coalition of community organizations.

Doing so would remove all doubts concerning the purpose of the event, the impartiality of the awards, and the fiscal integrity of the arrangements. It would more equally distribute the considerable burden of organizing, publicizing, financing, and staging the ceremony.

Finally, turning "Triumphs" over to an independent coalition dedicated exclusively to this annual community-wide event would also ensure, we hope, even greater community support and participation in this most admirable and all-encompassing tribute to the energy, hard work, creativity and good will of Sacramento's lesbians and gay men.★

LETTERS

Agnos Urges Letters, Networking To Pass AB1

Editor:

Despite intensive efforts by AB 1 activists throughout California, we were unable to secure the necessary 21 votes in the Senate by the close of the legislative session on September 16, 1983.

It was disappointing, but we remain closer than ever to a major victory for human rights.

On January 3, 1984, the Legislature reconvenes and AB 1 will again be before the Senate floor.

I need your help and I need it now.

In most districts the mail received by legislators is running ten to one, and sometimes one hundred to one **against** AB 1. The opposition, led by Senator H.L. Richardson and Reverend Timberlake, has launched a massive campaign to defeat AB 1.

This campaign is the most vicious political attack I have witnessed in my entire career.

Exploiting the public fears and misunderstandings that surround the AIDS epidemic, Senator Richardson and his allies are shamelessly using a public health tragedy in an attempt to deny the basic civil rights of millions of Californians.

Senator Richardson's approach is as simple as it is hateful: "Homosexuals are unbelievably promiscuous and are now the prime carriers of a new deadly disease... Can food be a carrier of AIDS? Can one who handles food transmit the disease? Salad in San Francisco anyone?"

The above paragraph is from one of Senator Richardson's columns, which are printed in newspapers statewide.

The AIDS epidemic, and the willingness of demagogues like Senator Richardson to exploit it, has changed the face of gay politics forever.

In the past, some gay people, especially those high enough on the social ladder, have chosen to remain hidden and uninvolved. They said they wanted their privacy; that what they did in bed did not affect them politically.

That is no longer an option.

AIDS is opening every closet door.

The message should be very clear to all gay people. *They cannot excape from the political implications of their sexual orientation.*

The leaders of the New Right have chosen to use the AIDS epidemic in a renewed attack on the civil rights and humanity of lesbians and gay men. The threat is very real and our opponents are gaining momentum.

With your help I am confident that we can stop the followers of Senator Richardson as we stopped Senator Briggs in 1978.

The same statewide effort that was organized to defeat the Briggs Initiative—Proposition 6—must now be mobilized for an intensive three-month campaign to put AB 1 over the top.

This letter is different from most political appeals in one major way. I'm not asking you for money... I'm asking you for a great deal more.

This is what needs to be done:

- **Write letters.** Write to your State Senators and Governor Deukmejian today. *Keep writing.* Get your families, friends and coworkers to write. Make your letter personal—describe discrimination you have experienced or witnessed. If you are afraid to sign your name, send the letter unsigned and explain why.
- **Ask your community leaders for help.** Request letters of support for AB 1 from your clergy, faculty, labor leaders, professional and business people. Everyone belongs to some kind of organization; has yours endorsed AB 1 yet?
- **Get local government to support us.** Request that friendly city council members and county supervisors introduce resolutions supporting AB 1. Get similar resolutions passed by your local human rights and fair employment commissions.
- **Educate the media.** If your local media haven't yet endorsed AB 1, find out why. Send letters supporting AB 1 to the opinion section. Respond to all anti-AB 1 letters and homophobic articles. Organize community delegations to visit T.V., radio, and newspaper editors. Complete information packets on AB 1 are available from my office.
- **Build the AB 1 Network.** Because it is often difficult to predict when crucial votes will occur, I need to be able to reach as many AB 1 supporters as possible on short notice. Sign up sheets for the AB 1 telephone tree will be circulated among the community. Please sign up and get your friends to sign up, too.

In the past year approximately 10,000 Californians have actively supported AB 1 by writing letters, visiting their legislators, signing petitions and organizing local support.

In the next three months we need to double that number.

We are now within a handful of votes of passing AB 1.

But even some of our strongest supporters are receiving more mail against AB 1 than for it. So, regardless of who your Senator is, write to him or her today. If you are uncertain of who your Senator is, please call my office at 445-8253.

You and the thousands of people like you are the backbone of this campaign. I know it gets discouraging to keep cranking out those letters and making those telephone calls; it's been a very long struggle. But don't give up.

We're going to win.

ART AGNOS
Assembly, 16th District

Protests Use Of Monkeys In AIDS Research At UCD

Editor:

I feel I must respond to your article of the October 19, 1983, "Scientist Makes Progress in Search for Monkey Aids Bug."

I realize that the use of animals in research is a highly heated issue and could be debated until the end of existence without a definite conslusion of its true value ever reached.

However, it is my deepest wish that both your staff and readers seriously consider the questions raised by those who are exploring alternatives to animal research.

To this end, I would like to state two personal observations in my study of the research community.

1. Researchers will resort to any tactics to keep the grant monies flowing and their pockets full.

2. Often it is at the expense of the hope and suffering of thousands of humans waiting for "that cure" and the needless, painful torment and ultimate deaths of thousands of other sentient beings—animals.

DEBRA YOUNG

State Senate Resolution Would Honor Gay Bookstore's Fourth Anniversary

A resolution marking the fourth anniversary of A Different Light Bookstore in Hollywood, a store which has become a resource for the lesbian and gay community, has been introduced in the State Senate by Sen. David Roberti, D-Hollywood.

The store offers lesbians and gay men a well-rounded literary and cultural experience through its great variety of books and periodicals.

While serving as a center for book signings and art shows, A Different Light also serves readers outside the Los Angeles area through its newsletters and catalog, "Booked for Brunch?" and its mail order system. It carries a selection of free booklets on health issues and handouts on candidates and issues during election campaigns.

"A Different Light Bookstore encourages high quality lesbian and gay literature and deserves our commendation for its role in building a better community," said Roberti.

He pointed out that the owners, George Leigh, Norman Laurilla and Manager, Richard Labonte, have been supporters of the Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance. This coalition of Silverlake area merchants and residents is working to revitalize community relations in the Silverlake and Hollywood areas.

Each August, the store, located at 4014 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 90029, helps to sponsor a street fair attended by an estimated 200,000 persons.★

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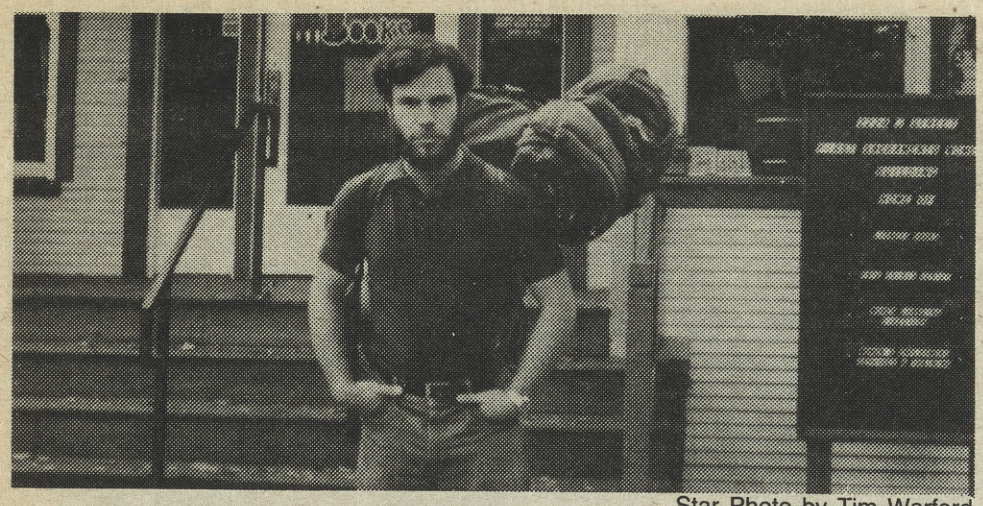

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Naval Nomad

Mel Dahl passed through Sacramento Thanksgiving weekend on his walk from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate Bridge in an attempt to bring the plight of gays and lesbians in the military to public attention.

Dahl was discharged from the Navy for admitting he was gay during an interrogation for a security clearance for a job promotion.

SAGA II Bowling Tournament Set, Additional Sports Encouraged

By NORM FROHWEIN

SAGA II (Sacramento Athletic Games Association), formed to help send Sacramento's best lesbian and gay athletes to the 1986 Gay Olympics, had a busy October-November schedule of fund raising events, a tennis tournament, and an open planning meeting featuring Dr. Tom Waddell.

G.N.I.E. (Great Northwest Imperial Empire) sponsored the Closet Ball at the Forum to benefit SAGA II and the AIDS Foundation, and Bill and Randi of G.N.I.E. put on the Bizarre Bazaar at the Mercantile Saloon. More recently, the La Kish Farewell Auction, also at the Mercantile, also benefited SAGA II. Many thanks to Randi, Bill, and La Kish for the fun benefits!

Kathi McBelt, SAGA tennis coordinator, put on a mini-tournament for men's and women's singles at Howe Avenue Park. Eleven men and women participated in the event, which established the group's tennis ladder, with Garry Belcher and Kathi McBelt as number one seeds.

Twenty-seven players also signed up for the Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament, but it was rained out and postponed until clear weather. The Stumble Inn has agreed to be home bar for the SAGA tennis players.

Anyone interested in challenging onto the men's or women's tennis ladder or in getting on the mailing list to keep informed about upcoming tournaments should write to SAGA Tennis, 800 Bell Air Drive, Sacramento 95822, or call 443-0568.

There was a good showing for the November meeting, which featured Dr. Tom Waddell, coordinator for the 1982 Olympics. Waddell spoke to the group and answered questions. He indicated that if enough interest is generated in an event, it could be included in the 1986 Games.

SAGA is still interested in finding other volunteers and athletes to participate in the Gay Olympics. Now might be a good time of year to initiate a pool tournament. Some additional sports mentioned were sailing, racquetball, and rugby. Pam Mason expressed an interest in crew; anyone interested in Olympic rowing may call her at 927-6384.

Jan, SAGA bowling coordinator, is planning the Sacramento Scratch Bowling Invitational, to be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon at the Land Park Brunswick Bowl. Five-person all-male or all-female teams will compete in five scratch games for cash prizes and side pots.

The entry fee is $50 per team. Registration deadline is Saturday, Dec. 3. Contact Jan at 391-4386, evenings, for information and reservations. ★

Valley Knights Will Put On The Ritz For Dec. 10 Xmas Show

"Christmas at the Ritz" is the theme of the seventh annual Valley Knights Motorcycle Club's Christmas Show, scheduled for the Forum at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Valley Knights will raffle off a home computer in addition to the door prizes. A full program of talent, mostly from Sacramento, is being scheduled.

Tickets to the event are $5 and raffle tickets are priced at $1 each. Tickets will be available at the door, but, because seating is limited to three hundred persons, it is a good idea to purchase them in advance from any Valley Knights member.

Fifty percent of the profits will go to the AIDS/KS Foundation of Sacramento.

For more information, or to schedule an act, please contact Tim at 455-1634 or Gordy at 929-0493. ★

Gay Dads Speak To PFLAG, Plan Party

A presentation on "Gay Parenting" by Ron Gray and Val Fernandez of Sacramento Gay Fathers will be featured at the meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, on Tuesday, December 6. The meeting will be held at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, at 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento Gay Fathers, a recently formed local organization, also will host a Christmas party for kids and dads on Sunday, December 11.

Participation in the activities of Sacramento Gay Fathers is open to all gay men who have parenting responsibilities. The group is currently preparing to elect its first officers and trying to identify ways in which it can help meet the special needs of gay dads.

Directions to the Christmas party and information about the group are avialable from Ron or Val, 441-4594, or from Ken, 392-4128. ★

River City Family Reassigns Tasks, Seeks Expanded Involvement By Membership

The November potluck of Our River City Family was a great success. More than 70 people gathered at the Swallows Nest home of Robert Austin to eat and socialize. They also responded favorably to ORCF Director Paul Schierenberg's appeal for greater involvement in the tasks of running the organization.

At its Nov. 9 meeting, the Family Council took up the Director's challenge to help with the work, and reassigned tasks. Schierenberg will assume the duties of the Associate Director in addition to the Directorship. Larry Dunlap will continue as Secretary. Dennis Elliott will coordinate the Family's participation in local cultural activities, and Charlie Preston will add publicity to his duties as Historian.

Volleyball, held every Thursday evening in the Women's Gym at Sacramento City College, will remain within the Family, but will be more autonomous.

On Saturday, Dec., 3, the Family will gather at Kirk Jackson's home (call 929-5040 for directions) for the December potluck.

The Family Council will hold a cocktail party/meeting (BYOB) on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Dragonlaire House (call 391-1362 for directions).

All events of the Family are open to interested members of the lesbian and gay community. ★

La Raza Del Ambiente

New Group Accomplishes Much, Plans More

By ROBIN PETERS

Gay brothers and sisters of color have come together to form a support group. From a handful of organizers to a large number of participants has come La Raza del Ambiente. La Raza is an exciting new and vital part of Sacramento's gay community with many accomplishments during its short existence.

A "Don't Forget the Salsa" potluck was held to celebrate the formation of the club, and was attended by 40 gay men and women.

An Art Auction, Wine and Cheese Party was the first fundraiser for the group. It was a huge success, raising $400.

On October 16, La Raza supported SAGA II in their Bizarre Bazaar fundraiser.

A Halloween party was next on the agenda for La Raza members and friends. Attended by many, it was lots of fun.

Election Night '83 (November 8) brought La Raza a group of energetic leaders. Among them are Chica Rodriguez, Chairperson; Angel Arellano, Co-Chairperson; Joey Hernandez, Secretary; Jose Pacheco, Treasurer; Jason Lindo and Frank Olives, Fundraising; and Robin Peters and Yolanda Alvares, Public Relations.

Another fundraiser was a Mexicana Night at the Mercantile on November 21, sponsored by Bobbette. The group sold dinner plates, along with nachos, salsa and dips. Mexican music was provided by the Adrian Duo.

La Raza members gathered once again for a Thanksgiving Dinner at Chica's house.

La Raza is currently collecting items for food baskets that will be distributed to needy gay families. People who would like to donate may bring non-perishable food items to Chica's house at 1701 O Street, Apt. #110.

La Raza will be meeting at the First Sacramento's Women's Building, 2224 J St., on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. All interested gay men and women of color are invited to attend. For more information call Chica at 444-6371 or Angel at 446-9066.

La Raza would like to express our thanks to all of those who support us; we really appreciate it. ★

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A Remembrance Of The Day Harvey Milk Was Assassinated

Eleven A.M., November 27, 1978. A huddle of disbelieving reporters crowds around a locked door in San Francisco City Hall. A few feet away, down a narrow hallway and behind another closed door, the lanky body of Supervisor Harvey B. Milk sprawls face down in a spreading pool of blood.

Harvey had always told them it would end this way, with bullets in the brain. But only when they see the black rubber body bag, covered with a crisp, pleated sheet, being rolled to the waiting ambulance, does Harvey's prophecy become the palpable reality that makes for bad dreams and bold headlines.

On the other side of City Hall, reporters mob another locked door. Behind it, a police officer picks the still-burning cigarette from between the fingers of Mayor George Moscone who, like Milk, was felled with shots in the chest and then coolly executed with two bullets pumped into the back of his head. Board of Supervisors President Dianne Feinstein must make the stunning announcement: "Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot...and killed." The gasps drown out her next words. Her voice breaks as she delivers the shocker: "Police have a suspect. Supervisor Dan White."

Hours later, forty thousand tiny flames quiver in the night breeze as mourners carrying candles trudge somberly to City Hall. In three-piece suits, black leather jackets, blue jeans, and neatly pressed dresses, they gather under the cloudy autumn sky to remember the gangly ward politician with the funny name, the thick black hair, the corny jokes, and the New York accent.

The mayor had given them leadership, but Harvey Milk—the nation's first openly gay city official—had given them a dream.

The mourners turn to walk back toward Castro Street, where it seems right for the night to end. After years of searching and drifting, Castro Street had become Harvey's hometown, and he had worked to make it a hometown for tens of thousands of homosexuals from around the world.

The mayor of Castro Street, that was Harvey's unofficial title. And now the mayor of San Francisco and the mayor of Castro Street lie dead. What is left is the dream and its lengthening shadow.

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A diverse crowd of more than 5,000 people marched to San Francisco City Hall on Nov. 27, the fifth anniversary of the murders of George Moscone and Harvey Milk. After the march, they heard speakers call for strength in remembering the leaders, not violence in revenge on their murderer, Dan White, who will be set free Jan. 6.

5000 March In Memorial For Harvey Milk, George Moscone

A crowd numbering more than 5,000 people marched solemnly in San Francisco down Market Street to City Hall from Castro Street on Nov. 27 to pay tribute to slain city officials Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The march and the rally that followed marked the fifth anniversary of the killing of the two men in City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

The crowd marched peacefully and carried candles along the route that a stunned gay community had marched the night of the murders.

As the first of the marchers neared City Hall, the last in the line left Harvey Milk Plaza at Castro and 17th St. Supporters, also bearing candles, lined the route.

Members of San Francisco's Filipino community joined this year's march in honor of Benigno Aquino, assassinated leader of opposition to Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. November 27 was Aquino's birthday.

A few of the marchers were dressed in black, and one man dressed as "battered justice," in protest of White's light sentence. White will go free Jan. 6, 1984.

Many of those marching came to protest the refusal by the U.S. Justice Department to prosecute White on federal charges of violating Moscone and Milk's civil rights by killing them.

A somber Cleve Jones, who was an aide to Milk, welcomed the crowd to the rally in front of City Hall, which was lit with red lights in commemoration of the murders.

"No coward's bullets will stop us!" he told the crowd.

John Laird, recently elected gay mayor of Santa Cruz, said that Milk had been his role model. After Milk's death, Laird said, he resolved that "Nothing was going to stop me from being exactly what I wanted to be!"

Carole Migden, president of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, told the crowd Milk "taught us how to fight, how to wield political influence, but never at the expense of our gayness. We should never have to pass. We should never assure society we're the same, because we're not the same!"

Supervisor Harry Britt, who replaced Milk on the Board of Supervisors, said, "The murder of George Moscone and Harvey Milk was a political act. The federal government couldn't see it, but we see it. What are we going to do about it?"

Many in the crowd responded with chants of "Off White." Britt tried to calm the chanters and told them it was not the kind of reaction Milk would have wanted.

Former Moscone aide Corey Busch echoed those sentiments, saying, "There is no room in George Moscone's memory for hatred and vengeance. Those qualities were not in George Moscone."

Jones closed the rally by reminding the crowd that they were not gathered to discuss the murderer, but to remember Moscone and Milk.

"There is a day coming when we will turn ourselves to the killer," Jones said. "That day is Jan. 6. There will be no business as usual in San Francisco."

The Harvey Milk Archives, sponsor of the march and rally, is calling for a city-wide work stoppage from 1 to 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 6.★

FREE CHRISTMAS GRAMS

Send a two-line Christmas greeting to your significant other, friends, hairstylist, bartender, doctor, or anyone else. Christmas Grams will be printed in the December 14 issue of The Star. Use the classified ad form on page 8. Deadline is December 10.

BOOKS

'Lesbian Studies' Anthology

An Exciting Resource Manual, Historical Record

"Lesbian Studies," edited by Margaret Cruikshank. The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, New York 11568. $7.95.

Reviewed by JOYCE BRIGHT

"Lesbian Studies" is an anthology by lesbian academics and lesbian cultural workers that shows what they have been thinking and writing about recently so that "everyone involved in feminist education can better grasp the implications of lesbian visibility for the women's movement as a whole and especially for women's studies."

The book also explores the consequences of our exclusion from the university curriculum. It is a record of our history. It is a resource manual. Finally, it is more exciting—more thought-provoking—than these dry statements indicate.

In "I Lead Two Lives: Confessions of a Closet Baptist," Mab Segrest, who writes for "Feminary," admits that since teaching jobs are hard to come by, one simply can't jeopardize one's position by coming out.

Paula Bennett points out in "Dyke in Academe" that taking the risk of coming out, even for tenured academics, is sometimes simply too great. Yet if fear keeps us in the closet then we must also know that anger, alienation, apathy, self-hate and self-betrayal are also in that closet with us.

There are several essays by women of color, including a taped conversation between Cherie Moraga and Barbara Smith. Women of color are largely excluded from women's studies programs. Moraga says, "Color gets dealt with in a straight context."

Smith suggest "confronting the experience of women of color calls white women's lives into question in a way that the writing of white boys just doesn't...because they (white women) are not having to examine their relative power in relationship to poor and Third World people, nor their own role as collaborators with the very people who oppress them."

Jane Gurko's essay on "Sexual Energy in the Classroom" asks the question: What do you do when a student "comes on" to you? What are the psychological needs of the student and the teacher? What are the responsibilities? (Do male teachers discuss this issue?) And, somewhat unrelatedly, Coralyn Fontaine takes on the whole subject of teaching a lesbian feminist psychology.

"Lesbian Studies" has several good pieces of cultural significance. Matile Poor deals with the subject of older lesbians while Karlene Faith writes about women in prison and Patricia Hynes addresses the problem of lesbians in the sciences. Linn ni Cobban's essay on lesbians in physical education and sports gives us an intelligent appraisal of the special problems confronting these women.

Faderman's piece on "Who Hid Lesbian History" looks at some of our more famous sisters, including Dickenson, Cather, and St. Vincent Millay. Elly Bulkin writes about lesbian poetry and poets. She offers some hints for decoding the real meaning of lesbian poets who haven't quite come out.

The last 70 pages of "Lesbian Studies" is given over entirely to a listing of special resources. Archives, history projects, slide shows and films, conferences, periodicals, publishers, and a bibliography of both fiction and non-fiction are listed and addresses given. Also presented are sample syllabi from courses on lesbianism.

Reading "Lesbian Studies" is an enriching and consciousness-raising experience. It challenges the mind and expands the heart. Margaret Cruikshank's editorial skills are appreciated as is the vision of those women who contributed to this anthology. We need more such dialogue. ★

Books Make Reviewer Ask What's The Fuss About Robin Maugham?

"The Boy from Beirut and Other Stories" by Robin Maugham. Gay Sunshine Press, San Francisco. Paperbound, $7.95.

"The Enemy" by Robin Maugham. Gay Sunshine Press. Paperbound, $7.95.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

The backs of the jackets of both "The Enemy" and "The Boy from Beirut" are covered with high praise, gleaned from the British press, for Robin Maugham's literary talent. He is, says one quote, the kind of writer one cannot put down; unfortunately I feel I must do so in this review.

After plowing determinedly through these books, I couldn't help but wonder what all the fuss was about. I finally put it down to a feeling among the members of the British upper class that they must all stick together. Or perhaps they all owed some sort of debt to Maugham's more famous, and more talented, uncle, W. Somerset Maugham.

In any event, Robin Maugham strikes me as the kind of writer who has a point to make; a limited repertoire of experiences which he feels make that point; and enough of a grasp of grammar to convey these expeirences to the reader—over and over: A blonde girl on a black horse rides in and out of at least two stories; older men take young boys to small upstairs apartments where the young boys feel stirrings in their groins, and strands of blonde hair fall across the characters' foreheads until one longs desperately for a pair of scissors.

The point Maugham seems so determined to make is this: gay relationships are ultimately doomed to failure. In most of the stories man meets boy or boy meets boy, there is a little romance and much agonizing, man loses boy or boy loses boy.

In "Testament: Cairo 1898," for example, the narrator, after being attacked by a boy he says he loves, almost immediately falls for another, then loses him as well.

To be fair, there is one story in "Boy from Beirut" which is quite good. Ironically, "A While in Darkness" is not about a gay relationship, but is an excellent character study of those glib and facile people who are adept at cultivating popularity—but not friendship.

"Boy from Beirut" also contains an interview with Maugham. This too is flawed. It is primarily a series of rambling narratives in which Maugham frequently forgets the question or simply uses it to seque into anecdotes about himself, his friends, and his family.

"The Enemy" is more of the same, only longer. Two soldiers, one British, one German, are thrown together through accident of war. The German agonizes over his homosexuality and falls in love with the Briton, who is straight.

I have heard it said that Maugham explores homosexuality and the relationship between the working and the upper classes. Exploration of this type is analogous to a kindergarten trip to the zoo: everyone holding hands and following teacher. ★

Horowitz Biography Is A Portrait Of A Master Musician, Not Mere Gossip About The Greatest (Gay) Pianist Of The Century

Horowitz, A Biography by Glenn Plaskin. William Morrow and Company. Hardbound, 607 pp. $19.95.

Reviewed by JAMES K. GRAHAM

Glenn Plaskin's biography of pianist Vladimir Horowitz has been the book sensation of the year in both musical and gay circles. In the former, it made waves as the first and only full-length portrait of the enigmatic artist universally acknowledged as the greatest keyboard technician since Franz Liszt. In the latter, it caused excitement for discussing openly what had been talked about quietly for years—Horowitz's homosexuality and its effects on his life, career, and playing.

It is to Plaskin's credit as a serious writer on music—he is also a pianist with Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the New England Conservatory, studied with Leon Fleisher at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, and writes regularly for The New York Times—that his biography does not concentrate on the sensational aspects of Horowitz's personal life. Above all, this is a portrait of the man as musician.

Plaskin traces Horowitz's life from his boyhood in St. Petersburg before the Russian Revolution, through his escape to the West in the early Twenties when he burst upon the musical scene as The Tornado from the Steppes, his marriage to the daughter of conductor Arturo Toscanini, his enthronement as The Greatest Living Pianist, and his retirement in the 1950's, feeling old, unappreciated, and enervated, to his tumultuously successful reappearance on the concert stage and in the recording studio in the 60's, 70's, and on into the 80's.

The historical details are there, the anecdotes of notable concerts such as his New York debut playing Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 against, rather than with, Sir Thomas Beecham and the Philharmonic; and the invitation to play Beethoven's Emperor Concerto with Toscanini, which led him to learn the concerto and brought him into the Toscanini sphere of influence and led to his marrying Wanda, a woman as forceful and mercurial as her famous baton-breaking father. We read of the pianist's precarious health, of his nervous breakdowns, and of his eccentric teaching and recording methods.

Horowitz, however, is far from being a mere compendium of interesting gossip and historical facts. Plaskin, almost unobtrusively, has a view of the man and his career that shapes the biography and consequently the reader's understanding of Horowitz. Repeatedly, the theme of Horowitz's naivete and dependence on strong people around him crops up, supported by biographical data and citations from friends, acquaintances, and critics.

Plaskin never quite comes out to say that the decades of repressing his homosexuality took their toll on the pianist's artistry and psyche, but one comes away from the book with a strong feeling that this may be so. Indeed, it seems hardly possible that it could not be so.

But even so, Horowitz's homosexuality is not the central focus of the book. It adds to our understanding of the artist, but it does not make or break him. What made him, and what at times threatened to break him, was his tremendous technical ability. It made him, because it enabled him to dazzle audiences with feats of speed, brilliance, and bravura that virtually no other pianist could equal, much less surpass. It threatened to break him, because it led him to conceive of most music as little more than a vehicle for displaying his technique, leading many critics to take him to task for ignoring musical values and in fact ignoring much music of value.

One of the great strengths of Plaskin's book is the way in which it deals with this central problem of Horowitz's career, examining it at every stage, quoting from contemporary critics, evaluating recordings made at the time, and providing an even-handed discussion that leads the reader without dictating. In the end, while conceding the merits of the arguments that Horowitz is merely a virtuoso showman, Plaskin seems to affirm that he is a great artist as well as a great technician, who brings to much of his chosen repertoire superb insight that is communicated all the more vividly because of his superb technique.

Horowitz is a scholarly book that is a great pleasure to read. Concentrating on one of the century's great musicians, it is inevitably also a history of politics, taste, and music in this century. Although Horowitz declined to consent to be interviewed by Plaskin or to approve the text, it is a monumental achievement and a fitting tribute in the year before the pianist's 80th birthday. No one who has the slightest interest in Horowitz, the musical arts, or the cultural life of the 20th century should miss this book. ★

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ITEMS

Ten Sane Years!

By RICK VAN DYKE

On her second day in office, Sacramento's first elected woman mayor, **Anne Rudin**, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of **Women In Politics** on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 till 7 p.m. at the Country Maid Restaurant, 1030 J St. WIP is a feminist political action group working statewide to protect women's rights in child care, child support, welfare and aid to families with dependent children, reproductive choice, justice, education, employment, health, and finance. For more information, call **Gail Hensley** at 442-3837 or 372-0632.

Lisa Katz of the **National Organization for Women** has announced a benefit wine and cheese party for the **Ginny Foat Defense Fund** on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 till 7 p.m. Hosting the event will be the **Rev. and Mrs. Merrill and Muriel Follansbee,** in their home at 5941 Wymore Way.

The Sacramento Chapter of the **AIDS/KS Foundation** is looking for a **public relations volunteer,** according to Executive Director **Kate Guzman.** The person (or persons—the more the merrier) would be involved in writing press releases and scheduling seminars and speaking engagements, with flexible working hours. Apply after December 2 at the Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3, or call 448-AIDS.

Gay fathers **Val Fernandez** and **Ron Gray** will discuss **"Gay Parenting"** at the meeting of **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays,** on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in room 255 of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave.

Congratulations! As of Dec. 10, lesbians and gay men have been officially not mentally ill for ten years. This year's observance of **"Sanity Day"** marks the tenth anniversary of the American Psychiatric Association's removal of homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses.

It's good to see that various organizations in our community are making plans to help feed the poor and homeless at Christmas time. As usual, **River City Metropolitan Community Church** is sponsoring **Toys for Tots,** hosted by the **Mercantile Saloon** on Monday, Dec. 19. Fresh from their very successful day of Mexican food and music at the Merc on Nov. 21, **La Raza del Ambiente** is working on a holiday food drive. With a target date of Dec. 20 for donations of canned goods and other non-perishable foods, La Raza plans to distribute **Christmas Baskets** to needy families. And **Dignity/Sacramento** volunteers will be assisting at the **Christmas Dinner** sponsored by **St. Francis Church** for people who would otherwise eat alone or not at all. If you can, give these groups a hand with a donation of food, money, or your time.

Rick Van Dyke

A **Coming Out Group and Support Group** is held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in room 135 of Everson Hall at UC Davis. For more information, call 753-2090.

Lioness Books will hold a **Holiday Faire** featuring the works of local artists and craftswomen on Saturday and Sunday, December 10-11, from noon to 8 p.m. Pottery, jewelry, paintings, photography, woodwork, stained glass, etched glass, beadwork, "and much more" will be on display and for sale. Refreshments will be provided, and the store, in the **First Sacramento Women's Building,** 2224 J Street, is wheelchair accessible. This is a great opportunity to get special gifts for Christmas and to support local women in the arts and crafts. For more information, call Lioness at 442-4657.

December 16 is the deadline for enrolling in the 1984 **Discover Sacramento Hotline,** a publicity service for sponsors of local entertainment, arts, recreation, and sports events. A service of the **Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission,** the Discover Sacramento Hotline will have a 24-hour computerized phone system to provide information to the public. Organizations that offer live music, recreation, special events, and other activities may contact the Arts Commission for an enrollment packet. Call **Linda Baker** at 449-5543 or 449-5558.

The Foothill Theatre Company presents **"The Miracle Worker"** by William Gibson December 1-17 in Nevada City's American Victorian Museum. All shows except a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 17, will be at 8:15 p.m. The performance on Friday, Dec. 2, will be signed for the hearing impaired. Tickets at $6.50 and $5 will be sold at the **Nevada County Arts Council Box Office.** Call 265-3728 for more information.

Youth Networks and the **Gay Youth Community Coalition** of the Bay Area on Wednesday, Dec. 28, will co-sponsor a conference addressing issues dealing with young gay and lesbian people. The conference, entitled **"Young Gays of Today,"** will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room on the third floor of the San Francisco Main Library, Larkin and McAllister Streets. One of its main themes will be the social needs of youth vs. community involvement. For information or pre-registration, write Y.G.T., P.O. Box 846, San Francisco 94101, or call (415) 552-6025.

If you simply cannot face the task of writing and sending your Christmas cards this year, The Star has an offer you'll find difficult to refuse. Use the classified ad form in this issue to write a **free two-line Christmas greeting** to your Significant Other, all your friends, your doctor, your hairstylist, whomever you like. Just mail the form to The Star, P.O. Box 160300, Sacramento 95816 by Dec. 10, and we'll run your Season's Greetings absolutely free as our gift to you.

Have you received your **Christmas Seals** from the **American Lung Association** yet? The seals support the Lung Association's work of education about lung disease, sponsoring community action programs for good lung health, underwriting medical research, supporting training programs for health workers, and waging vigorous campaigns against cigarette smoking and air pollution. A suggestion: if you send the Lung Association a check, also send a note asking them to get involved in the fight against AIDS, since one of the biggest killers of people with AIDS is a lung disease, *Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia.* Or call the local Lung Association at 444-LUNG.

The **Sacramento Symphony Chamber Orchestra,** conducted by **Carter Nice,** with soloists **Evelyn de la Rosa, Catherine Stoltz, Gregory Wait,** and **John Matthews,** is putting on a **"Messiah Sing-Along"** on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. in the Community Center Theatre, with the audience as the chorus. You can buy a score from the symphony for $5.50, and tickets are $5. for more info, call 973-0300. Hallelujah!

If you're in the mood for a 10-day trip to **"the Gay Capital of Spain"** (I didn't even know there was one), American Leisure Travel of San Francisco has scheduled a Feb. 26-Mar. 6 tour to Barcelona and Sitges, Catalonia. The highlight of the trip is to be the **Gay Carnival Night** on Mar. 2 (apparently anticipating Mardi Gras by four days). Also included is sightseeing, winetasting, swimming, and nightlife. For details, contact **American Leisure Travel,** 2625 Cabrillo St., San Francisco 94121; (415) 752-2928.

Is it true that **Linda Birner,** who puts on the **Snow White Champagne Ball** for women every December, is planning a similar event for men? I hear it's not to be called the Prince Charming Ball (as you might expect), but the Seven Dwarfs Ball (which doesn't sound too promising). ★

The Crisis Isn't Over; AIDS Foundation Needs Volunteers

By KATE GUZMAN

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation now has three full-time employees. They're kept busy staffing the office, counseling, giving out medical referrals and information, providing groups and support services, and attending conferences and meetings both in and out of Sacramento.

If you haven't visited the Foundation office, stop by and introduce yourself; take a look at the brochures and consider volunteering your skills. We're located at 2115 J St., No. 3.

Who says there's no compassion left in the world? The Foundation received four phone calls in one day from people wanting to adopt the orphaned AIDS baby in Florida, and they were serious!

The Foundation has some reliable and dedicated office volunteers, but we are hoping to increase our volunteer staff. Several fundraisers are in the planning stages and help will be much needed and appreciated.

Dozens of ticket sellers will be needed for the Hawaiian raffle. We're planning a spring garage sale and will be needing help organizing, storing donations and soliciting donations. Also in late spring we will be having an art auction. Donations from local artists are needed in order to make this event possible.

On a very serious note, the AIDS crisis is not over. As much as all of us would like to believe that the worst has passed, we cannot honestly reassure ourselves that that is the case. There has been a recognized time lag between New York and San Francisco, and the same kind of lag is possible between San Francisco and Sacramento.

So please, don't just ignore and hope it will pass. Become involved in some way. You may want to volunteer, donate, or simply become more informed and pass on the information to your friends. If you belong to an organization which would like to have a presentation about AIDS, please contact the Foundation office at 448-AIDS.

The Foundation is very proud of the number of groups who will be actively participating in the December Blood Sisters Drive. The support of women during the AIDS is truly important and necessary.

The Foundation is providing several support groups. Worried Well is a support group for gay men which will be held on December 7, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Foundation office. Topics to be discussed include fear of AIDS, anxiety reactions and risk reduction techniques.

A second group for people with CMV and the lymph node syndrome will be forming soon. Contact Jackson Peyton at 448-AIDS if you are interested in participating.

An open house will be held at the Foundation office from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Since the Foundation opened its doors in April, volunteers have logged in thousands of hours. Volunteers provide clerical skills as well as supportive services for persons with AIDS and their loved ones. Come to the party and show your appreciation for this dedicated group. ★

For AIDS Information Call 448-AIDS

CMV Support Group Announced; Now Is Time To Sign Up

The Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation is forming a support group for persons with chronic cytomegalovirus (CMV) or the lymph node syndrome. The Foundation estimates that more than 300 gay men in the Sacramento area suffer from these illnesses.

Jackson Peyton, co-facilitator of the group, reports that "these illnesses are quite distressing physically and emotionally. Prior groups have helped members reduce anxiety, share feelings and provide mutual support."

Among the topics to be covered are AIDS anxiety, what to tell friends, family and employers, stress reduction techniques and methods of reducing risks of spreading these illnesses.

The group will meet once a week for six weeks. There is no charge.

Contact Jackson Peyton at 448-AIDS for information about the date, time, and location. ★

Hawaii Trip Raffle Will Benefit Sacto AIDS Foundation

Mark Sunday, February 19, on your calendar with a big red heart. You and your valentine could soon be on a plane to Hawaii.

Feb. 19 is the date set for the grand Hawaiian raffle sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. A week-long trip for two has been generously donated by Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, Dr. Sandy Pomerantz, and Dr. Harvey Thompson.

Tickets for the raffle will be available December 1. Many volunteers will be needed to sell tickets and prizes will be awarded to the top ticket sellers. Tickets will be available through the Foundation office, a number of local bars, and a variety of community organizations.

If you would like to participate in selling tickets or you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Kate Guzman at 448-AIDS. ★

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30

★ The STAR is published.

★ St. Andrew's Day, patron saint of Scotland. Ceremony at State Capitol, noon.

Thursday, December 1

★ *HANUKKAH.*

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

★ Sacramento Athletic Games Association (SAGA II) open meeting. Incredible Edible, 7 p.m.

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, December 2

★ Davis Gay Task Force Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 758-2110 for place.

Saturday, December 3

★ "The Politics of Women's Sports" lecture by Sally Edwards. NOW Focus 6 lecture series. $8. Redwood Room, CSUS. 10:30 a.m.

★ Orion Fellowship Alliance. Potluck and fellowship for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual Seventh Day Adventists and friends. Box 181, Sacramento 95801. Call Karen, 447-8125 for time, place, more information.

★ Deadline to register for SAGA II Sacramento Scratch Bowling Invitational. To register, call Jan, 391-4386, evenings.

★ Sacramento Women's Rugby Club plays at Stanford.

★ Our River City Family Potluck. For information, call Paul at 447-1065. 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Transition (Gay Latter-Day Saints) Speaker/Discussion. Call 965-5084 or write 3030-B Q Street, Suite 215, Sacramento 95816. 6-9 p.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, December 5

★ American River College lesbian/gay students group, "Man to Man, Woman to Woman." Room 143, Math Area. 1-1:50 p.m.

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union open rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

★ GNIE Bingo. Mercantile Saloon. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

★ GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

★ Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Guest speakers Val Fernandez and Ron Gray of Sacramento Gay Fathers. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. Room 255. 7:30 p.m.

★ Raza del Ambiente, gay/lesbian Hispanic organization, meets. New members welcome. 7:30 p.m. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St.

Wednesday, December 7

★ Deadline for The STAR

★ Clogging for beginners, presented by Ron Brewer and Sutter's Stompers. Call Joe, 441-1959, or Rich, 448-2036, for information. Volcano Room, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T Street. 7-8:30 p.m.

★ Our River City Family Cocktail Party/Meeting. BYOB. Call 391-1362 for directions. 7:30 p.m.

★ Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Tom Richardson and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

Thursday, December 8

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

★ SDA Kinship Potluck. 455-8940 for info.

★ Sacramento Women's Rugby Club plays at San Francisco.

★ Valley Knights Motorcycle Club sponsors "Christmas at the Ritz." Show and raffle. 50% of proceeds to AIDS/KS Foundation. Tickets $5. The Forum, 2840 Auburn Blvd.

Sunday, December 11

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Dignity Reconciliation Service and Christmas Potluck. St. Francis Church, 26th and K Streets. Service at 3 p.m. Potluck at 4 p.m. 444-8939 for info.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ GNIE Christmas Party presented by Carol McFarland. Presentation of Community Awareness Award. Free. The Forum, 2840 Auburn Blvd. 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12

★ American River College lesbian/gay students group, "Man to Man, Woman to Woman." Room 143, Math Area. 1-1:50 p.m.

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union open rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

Tuesday, December 13

★ Monthly meeting of Advocates for Lesbian & Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Raza del Ambiente, gay/lesbian Hispanic organization, meets. New members welcome. 7:30 p.m. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St.

Wednesday, December 14

★ The STAR is published.

★ NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force. Call Marcie, 921-2835 for info. 7 p.m.

★ Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week Committee meeting. Interested people invited. Call 381-3115 for information. Incredible Edible, Alhambra and N St. 7:30 p.m.

★ Clogging for beginners, presented by Ron Brewer and Sutter's Stompers. Call Joe, 441-1959, or Rich, 448-2036, for information. Volcano Room, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T Street. 7-8:30 p.m.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective facilitated workshop on "'Tis the Season to be Lonely." Share and explore ideas for support during the often-awkward and lonely holidays. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, December 15

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

Friday, December 16

★ River City Democratic Club meeting and potluck. Senior Citizens Center, 27th & J St. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

★ SAGA II presents Sacramento Scratch Bowling Invitational. Land Park Brunswick Bowl. Noon.

Sunday, December 18

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Dignity/Sacramento Mass. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. Call Dignity phone, 444-8939, for information.

★ Transition (Gay Latter-Day Saints) Potluck/Discussion. Call 965-5084 or write 3030-B Q Street, Suite 215, Sacramento 95816. 6-9 p.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for place and directions.

Monday, December 19

★ Toys for Tots sponsored by River City Metropolitan Community Church. Hosted by the Mercantile Saloon. Bring money, food, or toys. Mercantile, 20th & L St. Call 381-0629, weekdays after 3 p.m., for information.

★ American River College lesbian/gay students group, "Man to Man, Woman to Woman." Room 143, Davies Hall. 1-1:50 p.m.

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union open rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

Tuesday, December 20

★ Deadline for donations of food to Raza del Ambiente for Christmas Baskets for the poor. Call Chica at 444-6371 for more information.

★ Capital City Squares. Downstairs banquet room, Carousel Restaurant, Arden Fair Mall. 7 p.m.

★ Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays Rap Group. Facilitated by Valerie Winn and Will Green. Geneva Room, Fremont Presbyterian Church, H St. at Carlson Drive. 7:30 p.m. Call 428-4348 for info.

★ Raza del Ambiente, gay/lesbian Hispanic organization, meets. New members welcome. 7:30 p.m. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St.

Wednesday, December 21

★ Deadline for The STAR.

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Feisty Feminist Challenges Sexism In Child Rearing

By SANDY WILDE

Letty Cottin Pogrebin, a feisty, challenging feminist from New York City and editor of Ms magazine, who has received numerous awards ranging from an Emmy to a Poynter Fellowship in Journalism at Yale University, gave the third presentation in the NOW Focus 6 lecture series. Author of "Family Politics: Love and Power on an Intimate Frontier," Pogrebin spoke on sexism in child rearing and family relationships.

"It is healthy for children to grow up without scripts," she began. "We should celebrate each child's unique differences. Sameness should be challenged.

"Sexism predicts what people will become based on their sex, a type of predestination by gender. Women are now trying to unlearn sexist programming by demanding respect for their skills and ideas," Pogrebin noted.

She said, "We should not be teaching our daughters what women are now unlearning themselves. Men are trying to humanize themselves by learning intimacy and being more honest, open, and affectionate to children."

In spite of these attempts, however, Pogrebin's research has shown that more people want boy children than girl children. Pregnant women dream of having a baby boy more often than they dream of having a girl baby. Societal prejudice dies hard.

Pogrebin told a story of a little boy trying to play with older boy children. The older boys told him he would have to be the girl to be rescued in their firefighting game. He started to cry and said he wouldn't play the girl, so the older boys agreed to let him play the dog!

Is it any wonder, then, she asked, that by their teenage years 12 times more women than men wish they were the opposite sex? It's not penis envy, she stated, but envy of male privilege and status. She explained that this is the envy that comes in a society that values girls for their nice qualities as children and values boys for the adults they will become.

She asked parents to look at the subtle ways they define feminine and masculine for their children.

"Could you move a child of the opposite sex and same age into your child's room? If not, what are you teaching your child about his/her role?"

Don't take anything out of the room, she advised, but bring in those things you would add for the child of the other sex.

Before Pogrebin's presentation, Harriet and Darien Ramos, a mother and son feminist duo from San Jose NOW, sang a song that told of a couple preparing for the birth of their first child. The soon-to-be-parents studied and planned for a loving and peaceful birth at home with the aid of a midwife. Then they made a request of everyone who would be present at the birth: they were not to be told of their child's sex for the first five minutes of its life.

They wanted a chance to love their child without prejudice and without reservation for those precious first five minutes. That is what Letty Cottin Pogrebin wants for all children for all their lives. ⋆

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Sam Sings Soon

Samantha Samuels—"SAM"—will be making her Sacramento debut at the K Street Dec. 16-18. Showtime on Dec. 16 and 17 is 11 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 18.

SAM has been praised as one of the most popular entertainers on the national cabaret/nightclub scene from New York to Los Angeles.

SAM has been appearing regularly with Joan Rivers and has also appeared with the Smothers Brothers, Frankie Laine, and Amanda McBroom.

Tickets for the show are $5 and may be purchases in advance at the front bar of the K Street. More information may be obtained by calling 448-2000.

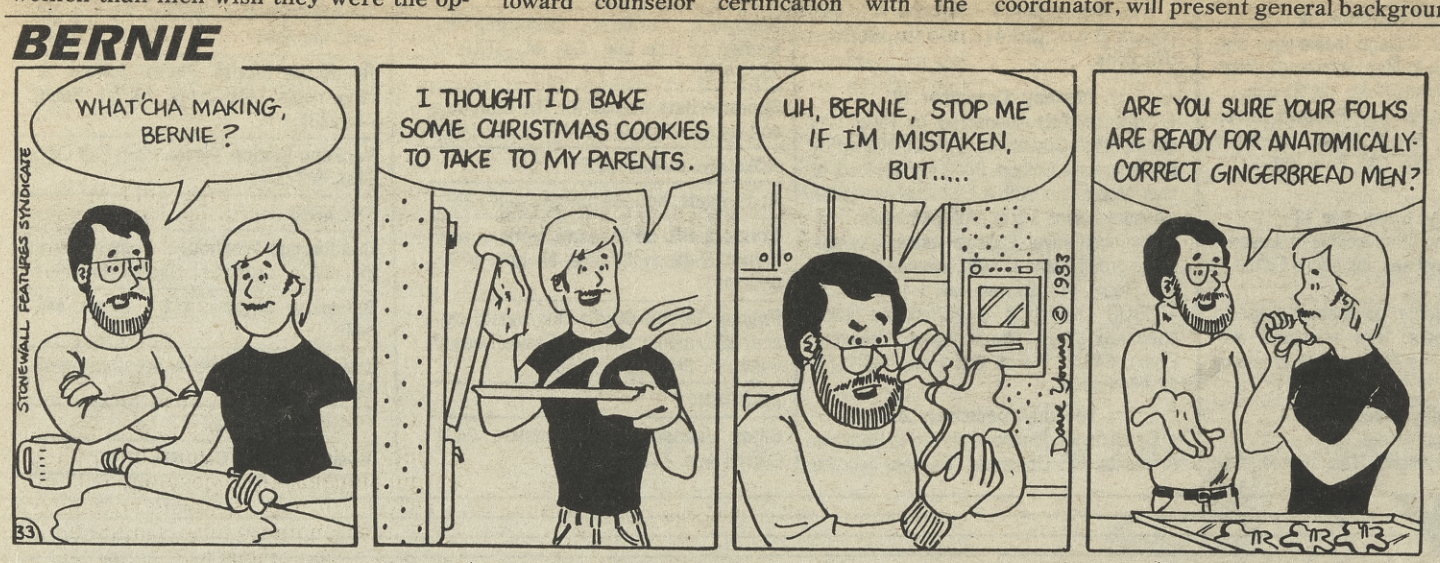
Seminar On Treating Lesbian/Gay Alcoholism

A seminar entitled "Taking the Mystery out of Counseling the Lesbian/Gay Alcoholic" will be hosted by Sobriety Brings A Change, 2214 21st Street, on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration fee is $15 and attendance at this one-day seminar will provide six units toward counselor certification with the California Association of Alcoholism Counselors.

Yvonne Frazier, Director of Women's Stress Alternatives, Sacramento, and Virgil Hall, former coordinator of Men's Services, 18th Street Services of the Pride Foundation, San Francisco, consultant and seminar coordinator, will present general background and specific information necessary to understand the Lesbian/Gay alcoholic.

Registration fee should be mailed to Sobriety Brings A Change in order to reserve space. For more information call (916) 454-4242.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Berkeley Social For Gay Men Of Color

Fliers depicting a Third World gay man playing a musical instrument and captioned, "Finally, the piper plays the sweetest song..." are publicizing a Saturday night potluck and social open to all gay men of color.

The event, which organizers hope will be the first of a series of gatherings and support meetings for Third World men in the gay community, will take place on Saturday, December 3 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Pacific Center (corner of Telegraph and Derby) in Berkeley.

A donation of $2 will go toward Third World programming at the Pacific Center, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. All participants are asked to bring food and cold drinks to share.

The potluck and social will give gay men of color an opportunity to come together and meet one another. Organizers request everyone to respect that this is an event for gay men of color only.

For more information, contact Bill at 654-7818, the Pacific Center at 548-8283, or Edgar at 540-7115.

Snow White Ball Is Set For Dec. 17

The **8th Annual Snow White Champagne Ball** has been set for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, December 17, at **The Victorian,** 917 H Street in Sacramento.

The Snow White Champagne Ball is a private, semi-formal Christmas party for women only. The Ball was established eight years ago so single and coupled gay women could celebrate the holidays together in a grand and formal setting.

Tickets are available at $17.50, which includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and a no-host bar.

For an invitation and/or tickets, mail a check and self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return by December 13 to Linda D. Birner, 1400 S Street, Suite 100B, Sacramento, CA 95814, or call (916) 441-6397. No tickets will be available at the door.

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